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Application No. 10/734,704

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Reply to Final Office Action of May 23, 2006

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In re the application of

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REDEKER et al.

Art Unit: 1734

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2006, and within the two month period extending from the date of the Final Office Action to July 24, 2006. Please note that July 23, 2006, is a Sunday. Therefore, the two month after-final period extends to Monday, July 24, 2006. Please enter the following remarks.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Request for Reconsideration.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Request for Reconsideration.